

about the financial status of our nation's single employer pension plans. Current law requires this valuable information about pension plans to be kept secret. This is wrong. Employees and investors should know all the facts. Employees should be fully informed about financial health of their own plan, and use that information as part of their overall retirement planning. The President says he supports making the information public. I have introduced legislation making this information public. I hope Congress will act on this proposal when we take up pension legislation later this year.

For now, Congress should be fully aware of the financial health of the nation's top pension plans as it debates ways to strengthen defined benefit pension plans. This resolution will insure we get the data to make informed decisions. Recently, the GAO put the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation, PBGC, on its "watch list" for the second time in a row. The PBGC recently reported a \$23 billion deficit for last year. Overall, PBGC reports that private pension plans are underfunded by some \$450 billion, the largest amount in history. The Bush administration recently proposed hiking pension plan insurance premiums by \$15 billion over the next 5 years, and proposes billions of dollars in accelerated pension contributions. And yet, we are being asked to consider such a proposal without current and accurate information about any individual company's funding status. This resolution requests the administration to provide us this information within 14 days, while protecting any proprietary information related to the sponsoring company.

IN HONOR OF DR. DONALD P.
BARICH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Donald P. Barich, upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years as a beloved pediatrician within our community. His exceptional expertise and compassionate care of children, from newborn through late teen, has enhanced the well-being of thousands of families throughout our Westside community.

After receiving his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1965, Dr. Barich came to Cleveland Metropolitan Hospital to complete his internship and residency. Beyond his pediatric practice, Dr. Barich was on the frontlines of cutting edge medical research. His respected work has been highlighted by the American Academy of Pediatrics, National and Ohio Chapters; The Cleveland Academy of Medicine; the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine; and the Northern Ohio Pediatric Society. As a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Dr. Barich shared his expertise with students at Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals, Metro Hospital, Southwest General Hospital, Parma Hospital, and Children's Hospital and Medical Center of Akron.

To this day, Dr. Barich continues his vital instruction as Professor of Pediatrics at Case

Western University, University Hospitals, Parma Hospital and Southwest General Hospital. The outstanding service and care for every child and every nervous parent has not gone unnoticed. Dr. Barich has been honored on several occasions for his outstanding work as a pediatrician, and was also honored for his service to our country. In 1970, Dr. Barich was awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the United States Air Force at McClellan Air Force Base in California. He has been listed as one of the "Top Docs in Cleveland" for eight years running by Cleveland Magazine.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Donald P. Barich. Dr. Barich's contributions to pediatric medicine throughout our community are immeasurable. Moreover, his pediatric practice is a lasting legacy and reflection of the man himself—compassionate, patient and kind—and his gifted mind and expansive heart served to heal more than broken bones. Dr. Barich's care offered peace and comfort to an anxious child or worried parent, and his work at Pediatric Services, Inc. will be remembered for generations to come.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CORPORAL TIMOTHY A. KNIGHT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Timothy A. Knight, who courageously and selflessly rose to the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Corporal Knight was an exceptional U.S. soldier and was an equally exceptional human being. His life was characterized by his unwavering sense of duty and commitment to our nation, and above all, his life reflected a deep dedication to, and steadfast focus on his family—his beloved wife Gina and beloved daughter, Chloe.

A native of Brooklyn, Corporal Knight graduated from Brooklyn High School. Following graduation, he enlisted in the service, and planned on a career in law enforcement after his military duty was completed. Throughout his journey in the military, Corporal Knight carried with him a strong foundation of faith, family and community. He quickly ascended through the ranks, and attained the title of Corporal. Corporal Knight's strong intellect and solid sense of integrity evenly matched his sense of duty and kindness toward others. Moreover, Corporal Knight's life reflected his generous heart and sincere concern for the welfare of others. He often and easily offered his assistance to anyone in need, without regard to his own sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Corporal Timothy A. Knight, whose heroic actions, commitment and bravery will be remembered always. I extend my deepest condolences to the family of Corporal Knight—his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, Gina M. Knight; his beloved baby daughter, Chloe; his beloved par-

ents, W.C. Arrowood and Jeanne Knight; his beloved sisters and brothers, Karen, Michael, Samantha, David, Melanie, Sabrina and Brian; his beloved mother and father-in-law, Jackie Collins and Dean Delligatti; and his many extended family members and friends.

The significant sacrifice, service, and courage that defined the life of Corporal Timothy A. Knight will be forever honored and remembered by the entire Cleveland community, and the entire nation. And within the hearts of his family and friends, especially Gina and Chloe, the bonds of love and memories created in life by Corporal Knight will never be broken, and will live on for all time.

RECOGNIZING THE PEACE CORPS
VOLUNTEERS FROM OREGON'S
THIRD DISTRICT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, President Kennedy, speaking 44 years ago at the establishment of the Peace Corps, remarked that, "The initial reactions to the Peace Corps proposal are convincing proof that we have, in this country, an immense reservoir of such men and women—anxious to sacrifice their energies and time and toil to the cause of world peace and human progress." What was true in 1961 is true today; Peace Corps Volunteers are an outstanding group of men and women serving the cause of people everywhere.

During this National Peace Corps Week, I want to honor the service and commitment of the Peace Corps Volunteers from Oregon's 3rd Congressional District and express my pride in my fellow Oregonians who have chosen to devote years of their lives in service to others.

In particular, I want to recognize those Peace Corps Volunteers currently serving:

Adela Ardelean in Romania
McKean Banzer-Lausberg in Morocco
Melissa Barber in Mali
Danae Bayley in Kenya
Elizabeth Decker in Azerbaijan
Amad Dorotaj in Mexico
Jeannine Ferguson in Romania
Crista Gardner in Guatemala
Kortney Garrison in Suriname
Christian Gervasi in Azerbaijan
Marisa Heman in Cameroon
Shannon Lawler in El Salvador
Ken Meisel in Tanzania
Brett Meyer in Mali
Angela Newman in Kenya
Cory Owens in Senegal
Joshua Owens in Senegal
Elizabeth Peterson in Cameroon
Andrew Poundstone in Suriname
Kimberly Schneider in Burkina Faso
Amber Schulz in Romania
Hanna Seyl in Malawi
Cory Seig in Namibia
Adrienne Stach in Tanzania
Rebecca Tweed in Vanuatu
Joel Van Allen in East Timor
Jennifer Vomaske in Kenya
Luke White in Nicaragua
Eric Wiley in Bulgaria
Lucille Wilkinson in Guatemala

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Brenda Wolsey in Albania
Corinne Wong in Gambia
Marta Young in Peru

Their work to empower people and communities in developing countries is a crucial contribution to creating a safe and prosperous world, building bridges between America and the world, and establishing a better future for people everywhere.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
JOHN RAITT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of John Raitt, beloved father, husband, and internationally known stage and cinema artist, whose incredible baritone voice, passion for life and handsome presence transformed the darkened stage into a place that sparked with enchantment, energy and possibility.

Growing up in southern California, Mr. Raitt's deep, harmonious melodies captivated audiences in local venues, from church halls to community clubs. His rising star took flight in 1940, marking his professional debut as a chorus singer in "HMS Pinafore" with the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera. Although he had little operatic training, his voice was as inspiring and powerful as an operatic master. Even his auditions were riveting, as he rendered musical geniuses such as Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein speechless and inspired.

From premier roles in award-winning theatrical productions such as "Oklahoma!," "Carousel," and "Magdalena," to significant roles in major films such as "The Pajama Game," Mr. Raitt won the hearts of theater goers and critics alike. His love of music and his dedication to his audience never faded, nor did his personal and professional convictions. Mr. Raitt was a man of unwavering strength, kindness and integrity, and he offered everyone and every audience the same enthusiasm, energy and respect—whether playing in a small church hall or performing on a Broadway stage.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of John Raitt, whose gift of song and kind heart is a legacy that will rise forever in the hearts of his family and friends, and within the hearts of every person who heard him sing. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife Rosemary; to his daughter Bonnie; to his sons, Steven and David; and to his many extended family members and friends. The gracious and joyous life of John Raitt will forever light our American musical landscape, and his invaluable gifts, reflected through song, stage and family, will be coveted for all time.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DERBY, CONNECTICUT'S CUB SCOUT PACK 3 AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many alumni, families, and community members who have gathered today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Derby, Connecticut's Cub Scout Pack 3. This is a tremendous milestone for this outstanding organization and I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize the many invaluable contributions they have made to our community.

The legacy of Derby's Pack 3 begins with three Senior Patrol Leaders of Boy Scout Troop 3, who took on the challenge of creating a program for younger boys interested in Scouting. Because the Boy Scouts of America did not offer such a venue at the time, Manuel Pearson, Francis Barron, and Edmund Strang initially based their program on the English Cubbing program. Three years later, the Boy Scouts of America announced their intentions to adopt a new cubbing program and Pack 3 was officially registered as one of the country's first Cub groups. In fact, Cub Pack 3 has been recognized by the Boy Scouts of America as the Nation's third oldest continuously running pack.

With participants ranging in age from eight to ten years old, the Cub Scouts program instills an invaluable life lesson in these youngsters—the value in serving their communities—a lesson that they will certainly carry with them through their adult and professional lives. From food drives and fundraisers to fire safety training and community activities, they have a direct and positive impact on the lives of others and their community.

It is not just the variety of programs and services these youngsters participate in throughout our community that makes Pack 3 so special. It is the scouting tradition that exists within the Pack itself. Generations of families have begun their scouting experience in Pack 3, with many alumni continuing to stay active in the Pack as adults by becoming committee members, webelos leaders, den leaders, and cubmasters. Just as an example, the eleven Pack 3 officers have an average thirty-three and a half years of service in cubbing. The dedication they have to this organization is a testament to the impact of their own Cub Scout experience.

The strength and longevity of Pack 3 would not be possible without the incredible leadership they have had throughout the course of their history. Founder Ed Strang was only a junior in high school when he first took on the cubbing program as a Senior Patrol Leader. As soon as he was able, Ed became the cubmaster—a position which he held for the better part of sixty-four years. When he was no longer able, Ed turned the reins over to current cubmaster Dan Cyril who was himself an Eagle Scout with Troop 3. Though Ed is no

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longer with us, his commitment, generosity, and compassionate spirit will always be reflected in the good work of Pack 3.

Today, as they celebrate their 75th anniversary, alumni and community members will reflect on what Cub Scout Pack 3 has brought to this community and their own lives. Touching the lives of thousands, Pack 3 has left an indelible mark on the City of Derby and I have no doubt that this strong tradition will continue for generations to come. It is with great pride that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to Derby's Cub Scout Pack 3 on their 75th anniversary and to extend my very best wishes for many more years of successful service to the community.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE
NEW YEAR: TET, 2005—YEAR OF
THE ROOSTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2005—Year of the Rooster. To celebrate the hope and promise of the New Year, the members and leaders of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., will gather at St. Helena Catholic Church to rejoice with family and friends, enjoying Vietnamese culture and performances.

The Tet celebration will include recognition of community volunteers and leaders, and Vietnamese food, dancing and musical entertainment by the Vietnamese youth of Cleveland. Tet is the time of year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with family and friends, and celebrate the sense of good will and possibilities, rising like the first light of dawn.

This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. For nearly three decades, this vital coalition of culture has reflected unwavering commitment, service and community outreach to citizens of Vietnamese heritage. The Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland is a vibrant layer within the colorful fabric of our culturally diverse city—and the Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland, Inc. plays a significant role in preserving and promoting the ancient cultural and historical traditions that spiral back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders—from Vietnam to America.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and all members and leaders, past and present, for their dedication and support of Americans of Vietnamese heritage within our Cleveland community. As they celebrate the Vietnamese New Year, the Year of the Rooster, may they hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find happiness and peace with the dawning of each new day.